

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, February 21, 1997

Treasurer ~

It is my pleasant duty to present to you into Convocation the Honourable Allan Rock and ask that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa.

Mr. Rock was, for many years, a Bencher of this Society and, ultimately, became its Treasurer. He has subsequently become the Minister of Justice for and Attorney General for Canada. He has had an extremely active portfolio and introduced important measures in the area of family law, gun control, DNA testing and important amendments to the Criminal Code. He has dedicated himself to a life of public service. He left behind a thriving career as a brilliant barrister who had appeared in all of the major courts of the country. He has dedicated himself to improving the social and intellectual welfare of this nation and he has taken courageous stands against difficult opposition.

Mr. Rock has taken an important role on the constitutional issues regarding Canada and Quebec and is a key figure in the government's attempts to keep this country together. He has made significant contributions to the law and to society and it is fitting that I ask you, Treasurer, that you confer upon the Honourable Allan Rock the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa.